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Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 311

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"AN ACT CONCERNING RURAL DEVELOPMENT."

1 After section 1, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-188 of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
4 *1, 2002*):

5 (a) Any municipality, in addition to such powers as it has under the
6 provisions of the general statutes or any special act, [shall have the
7 power to (1) adopt and amend] may:

8 (1) Adopt a charter or charter amendments which shall be its
9 organic law and shall supersede any existing charter, including
10 amendments thereto, and shall supersede all special acts that are
11 inconsistent with such charter or amendments, [which] and such
12 charter or [amended charter] amendments may include the provisions
13 of any special act concerning the municipality but [which] shall not

14 otherwise be inconsistent with the constitution or general statutes; [,
15 provided nothing in this section shall be construed to provide that any
16 special act or charter provision relative to any municipality is repealed
17 solely because such special act or provision is not included in the
18 charter or [amended charter; (2) amend] amendments;

19 (2) Amend a home rule ordinance which has been adopted prior to
20 October 1, 1982, which revised home rule ordinance shall not be
21 inconsistent with the constitution or the general statutes; [and (3)
22 repeal] and

23 (3) Repeal any such home rule ordinance by adopting a charter,
24 provided the rights or benefits granted to any individual under any
25 municipal retirement or pension system shall not be diminished or
26 eliminated.

27 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 7-192 of the general statutes is
28 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
29 *1, 2002*):

30 (a) Every charter, special act and home rule ordinance in effect on
31 October 1, 1982, shall continue in effect until repealed or superseded
32 by the adoption of a charter, charter amendments or home rule
33 ordinance amendments in accordance with this chapter, the provisions
34 in any charter in existence on said date governing revision or
35 amendment to the contrary notwithstanding. Nothing in this section
36 shall prohibit the adoption of a revised home rule ordinance or home
37 rule ordinance amendments by any method established in such home
38 rule ordinance if the provisions concerning such method were in effect
39 on July 15, 1959. Any municipality administering its local affairs under
40 the provisions of the general statutes or special acts adopted prior to
41 said date may continue to so administer its local affairs [until] and the
42 electors of such municipality may avail themselves of the provisions of
43 this chapter to adopt a charter or to amend a charter. Any municipality
44 having as its organic law a home rule ordinance or a revised or

45 amended home rule ordinance shall after any revision or amendment
46 of such ordinance publish, in a single document, any such home rule
47 ordinance and shall make such ordinance available at a nominal cost to
48 any member of the public."